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2. Experts employed in the plant:

a. Automobile engineer Einsiedler from Berlin; specialized in the reconstruction of presses and the technical design of engines.

b. Engineer Bratek from the Eickhoff Plant in Bochum who was an expert in the reproduction of engines for vibrating chutes ("Rutschens").

3. Location:

Outside of Rybnik at the station. For details see Annex.

4. Work force:

Twelve hundred workmen in three shifts.

5. Production:

Large structural parts for railroad and road bridges, pit-head frames and elevator cages
railroad switches
die parts
engines for vibrating chutes, type "MED II/Eickhoff"
foundry cars for the transportation of molten metals
gear boxes for steel conveyor belts, large and small sizes
double-tubs "Zyklos".

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a. Monthly production figures:

30 to 35 MED II engines for vibrating chutes,
 20 foundry cars for molten metals,
 50 large and small gear boxes for steel conveyor belts

A nearly 28-meter high tower designated for an acid plant was also being cast. It was designed by the Inowroclaw (P 53/J 15) Soda Factory. All kinds of mining equipment were also repaired.

6. Machine equipment:

Mostly German lathes, drilling machines (manufactured by the Schiess-Defries and Union Plants), vertical turning and boring machines with tables up to 2.5 meters in diameter (manufactured by the Schiess-Defries plant), one parallel planing machine (18 to 20 meters cutting length). The machines were in very good condition. During the time of observation the plant received four new machines from France, Switzerland and Sweden.

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Comment:

a. Until 1945 the Rybnik Engineering Works was part of the Demag Company (Ltd) for mining machines and pneumatic installations in Katowice (Demag Spolka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością dla maszyn górniczych, Katowice), which was a subsidiary of the Lemag Corporation in Duisburg. The German machine tool plants mentioned in para 6 are the Schiess-Defries Corporation in Duesseldorf, manufacturing high-efficiency machine tools for all purposes, and the Union Machine tool plant in Chemnitz, manufacturing horizontal drilling and milling machines, fine-boring machines and special models of boring machines.

b. According to another report the following plants in addition to the Rybnik Engineering Works were assigned to the Polish Trust Central Workshops Niwka Mechanik established in 1946:

MoJ Engineering Works in Katowice

Engineering Works in Niwka

Fitzner and Camper Engineering Works in Dambrowa

Factory for mining lamps in Katowice

Baldon Ironworks in Katowice

Engineering Works in Sosnowice

Plants for the production of all kinds of mining machinery are obviously combined in this trust.

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c. The Soda factory mentioned in para 5 is the former Solvay Plant in Montwy near Inowraclaw.

d. The location of the engineering works cannot be determined on available map charts as the indications of distances probably are not correct.

1 Annex: Engineering works in Rybnik, Upper Silesia.

Legend to Annex:

Plant layout

- 1 Railroad line from the Czechoslovakian national border to Ratibor via the Rybnik railroad station.
- 2 Spur track to the plant
- 3 Sporting ground
- 4 Rybnik town area, 100 meters from the plant
- 5 Church in Rybnik, 350 meters from the plant
- 6 Highway to Katowice, 300 meters from the plant
- 7 Three-story office building, construction department (brick structure)
- 8 Office cantonment building
- 9 Washing and dressing room
- 10 Former apprentices' workshop, now lathe shop
- 11 Depot for semi-manufactured products
- 12 Club house
- 13 Lathe shop (50 x 50 meters)
- 14 Foundry
- 15 Construction workshop, 130 x 75 meters, with two large cranes (30-ton load capacity each) running through the entire workshop. Bridge structures are manufactured here.
- 16 Carpentry
- 17 Large dump for materials with traveling crane (30-ton load capacity) in the open.
- 18 Office of the forge
- 19 Forge for dies and chains
- 20 Galvanizing shop

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21 Former PW-Camp

22 Coal dump

Buildings No 18, 19, 20 and 21 are scheduled to be razed. They will be replaced by three large workshops with the same dimensions as the construction workshop (No 15).

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